(c) As the breach in eastern afflux bund of Kosi Barrage has occurred in Nepal, it has not been considered appropriate to appoint a judicial commission.

New Civil Aviation Policy

*45. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to notify its new Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, how much time it is likely to take to facilitate creation of proposed 500 Mega and 6 Regional Airports as well as to develop machanism for aviation grid for setting up of multi-model merchant airports;

(c) what steps Government has taken to make its 100 airports operational, whose number at present is only 50; and

(d) whether new policy would have provisions for making 100 aerotropolis in 10 major metros and also establish air linkages for air passengers for minimum of 50 kms. of distance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The New Civil Aviation Policy is presently under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM).

'Adopt a Monument' Scheme in Rajasthan

†*46. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether heritage sites in Rajasthan are being given to private sectors for their renovation and maintenance under "Adopt a Monument" scheme;

(b) if so, the extent to which this scheme has been successful; and

(c) whether the Government of India would consider to give archaeological buildings under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is no scheme known as "Adopt a Monument" in Rajasthan in respect of centrally protected Monuments.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Promotion of River tourism in Andhra Pradesh

*47. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of riverine tourism promoted in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any financial assistance is extended by the Ministry for promotion of riverine tourism in Andhra Pradesh; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of Tourism including riverine tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for projects proposals submitted by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that are complete as per scheme guidelines, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

The list of projects sanctioned during the last three years for Andhra Pradesh including projects for development of riverine tourism is given in the Statement.

Statement

Promotion of River Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

(Rs. in lakh)

Year of Sanction	S.No.	Name of the Projects	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
2005-06	1.	Destination Development of Singur Dam	433.96
	2.	Integrated Development of Lower Krishna Valley Buddhist Circuit (Procurement of equipments at Nagarjunasagar Reservoir)	789.97
	3.	Integrated Development of Araku-Vizag Tourism Circuit Budget Hotel at Araku	771.86
	4.	Development of E-Commerce Portal for IT Scheme	75.00
2006-07	5.	Destination Development of Laknavaram Lake at Eco-Tourism Destination in Warangal District	468.63
	6.	Development of Golconda Qutub Shahi Tomb-Hakimpet-Shaiokpet Sarai-K.B. Museum-Premavathi Mosque Circuit	500.00
	7.	Integrated Development of Beach Circuit comprising of Bhavikonda-Thotlakonda-Pavuralakonda-Appikonda	571.93
2007-08	8.	Development of Ananthapuram Village, Mahabubabadmandal, Warangal District	64.53
	9.	Development of Eco-Tourism Centre at Pulicat Lake in B.V. Palem at Nellore District	167.37
	10.	Tourism Development at Padmakshi Temple, Hanumakonda, Warangal District	43.68

1	2	3	4
	11.	Development of Charminar area of Hyderabad	994.75
	12.	Development of Kolleru Lake in West Godavari	447.61
	13.	Development of Horsely Hills in Chittoor District	253.91
	14.	Development of River Godavari and Krishna	425.95
	15.	Development of Puligundu as an adventure and Destination Tourism in Chittoor District	216.68

Minutes of Meetings of EGOM

*48. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that copies of the minutes of meeting of the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) have been sent to private companies like RIL and NIKO Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof including other papers sent to those companies since January, 2007 till date;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these papers are confidential in nature and if so, under which rule such papers have been sent to private companies;

(d) whether Government has fixed any responsibility on the officer concerned who have been sending such papers to private companies; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (c) The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) meeting of 28.05.2008 took decisions regarding the sectors to which natural gas expected to be produced from RIL-Niko's KG D6 field would be sold. M/s RIL and M/s Niko, being the parties to the Production Sharing Contract, are required to implement the decisions taken by the EGoM. In order to operationalize the decisions taken on sale of natural gas by the Contractors, the minutes of the EGoM were sent to the Contractors for implementation. The decisions taken in the EGoM meeting dated 28.05.2008 were also disseminated through a press note on 24.6.08 and on the Ministry's website. Since the Contents of the communication were also put in the public domain, there was no secrecy attached to the communication.

(b) No papers of secret nature have been sent to these companies.

(d) and (e) In view of the above, does not arise.